"THIS MUST BE KEPT "

This must be kept whatever 'else be lost;
The joy of Christmas in a child's clear eyes.
Whatever we must give to pay the cost
To keep it there - the wonder and surprise
Let us pay it gladly that the earth may be
Linked closely, firmly to Eternity.

—Grace Noll Crowell

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Christmas Vacations

Because none of our Conference Staff members took full vacations last summer, we are taking advantage of the Christmas lull in our state work for short periods away from the office.

The Rymph's plan to visit their daughter and family, Captain and Mrs. Roy B. Coffey, Diane, Frankie and Beth at Gastonia, N.C., returning by January first.

Miss Bloomer plans to visit her family in Smith County for a week following December 19. During this week the conference office will be closed.

May you too have rich and happy times with your families and friends is our sincere wish.

—The Staff

Congregational Kansas

Subscriptions are pouring in. Many churches are bringing their subscription list up to 20% of their membership thus taking advantage of the 50 cents rate. A goodly number of churches are placing an item in their budget to cover subscriptions for a chosen list. If your list has not yet been sent to the Conference Office, will you please see that it is sent promptly.

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American Board Meets

The Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign missions, established in 1810 held its fall plenary session in Boston, October 28-31, 1952.

Meeting with the Presidential Committee were the executive officers which include the executive vice-president, Dr. David McKeith, Jr. the four members of the treasury department the candidate department, the library the Medical department, the Congregational Service Committee and representatives from the Missions Council.

Progress and needs of the work in foreign lands was reviewed by the foreign department secretaries, first to their special committees, and then to the plenary session. Discussion of the budget for the following year was followed by its adoption.

Miss Elsie Farris, an attorney of Long Beach, California and a member of the Prudential Committee, pled for support for Africa, which she had visited last summer. Mr. Harold Belcher, treasurer of the Board, told us of his flying trip to Europe where he observed Protestant institutions and churches in France, and other Continental Countries, with Reverend Howard Schomer of our College Cevenol in Le Chambon sur Lignon, France.

Attending this meeting was Mrs. John W. Gibson of Wichita Plymouth, a member of the Prudential Committee. She is a corresponding member of the Near East Committee and a member of the Library Committee, both of interest to her, because of her former visit to the Near East and her projected trip of the Spring, together with her former profession as a librarian.

REMEMBER
MINISTERIAL RELIEF OFFERINGS
At CHRISTMAS TIME

The Christmas Miracle

By Oscar E. Bonny

Once a tiny baby was born into a western mining camp. His mother was the only woman in camp, and when she died there was no one to look after the little baby. The miners called a meeting in order to decide the fate of the infant. After some deliberation they agreed that the child, by origin of birth, belonged to the camp and that they would provide for it.

Transformation

The baby wrapped in scraps of clothing, was lying in an old box. That seemed unworthy, and a man rode eighty miles on a mule to the city of Sacramento to buy little garments and a cradle. The miners were startled by the contrast between the clean and delicate child and the dirty shack surrounding it. Before long the shack was transformed into a home. Mirrors were introduced. The men began to change their dirty clothing and shave themselves when they returned from work in the evening. Profane language stopped. Flowers soon bloomed around the house where there had been nothing but weeds. The whole camp was transformed because of the arrival of a little child.

There we have a contemporary version of the miracle of Christmas. That is what has happened across the centuries to homes and men wherever the Christ Child has found admission. In the miracle of Christmas, God entered into the life of humanity in a unique way, bringing hope and love, charity, dissatisfaction and redemption.

Perpetual Drama

But the Miracle of Christmas is more than an event in history. The miracle of incarnation takes place every time a new child is sent by God to bless our lives. The incarnation is a perpetual drama of creation. It is God reaching into time to bless and to redeem.

The Holy Family should be your family and mine and every home a sacred place in which childhood can grow into Christ-like humanity. One of the most glorious adventures on earth is a home in which father and mother and brother and sister come to realize that they are a part of the miracle of Christmas. And so, when the candles are lit, the prayers are said and the room becomes hushed in anticipation of the gifts below the tree, remember the Christ Child, but know that you too are the child God gave to the world, yours the Miracle of Christmas.

Know this and God will bless you.

What Spiritual Growth Can Your Church Report?

A new and different type of Annual Church Report, emphasizing spiritual values was advocated by the Reverend Paul E. Kershner, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Akron, Ohio, who acted as chaplain of the Mid-West Regional Meeting held October 21-23, 1952 in Toledo, Ohio.

The report would include answers to these questions:

1: How many of your members have grown in grace this past year, considering that the church is a school of grace?

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2. How many of your members have fallen more deeply in love with God and have gained more knowledge of Him?

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3. How many of your members have shown exciting growth in their religious experience?

No one stands still; religious experience is always a matter of movement. Something should be done every day that no one but a Christian could be expected to do.

Please Submit Names and Addresses in the Book of Life

4. In the name of Faith, how many have slayed some of their prejudices recently?

Please Submit Names and Addresses in the Book of Life

5. In how many church homes has religion become more and more a reality — a little kingdom of God?

Please Submit Names and Addresses in the Book of Life

Gleaned at Toledo by

—Mrs. John W. Gibson

Fifty Years A Minister

Sunday, November 16th, the Partridge Community Church held a special service in honor of Dr. Frank Richard, giving recognition to his fifty years of service as a Christian Minister. For the past eighteen years, Dr. Richard has been pastor of the Partridge Community Church.

The main program was given at 2:30 so that the friends and workers in other churches could share. This was preceeded by a community dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Lyle Anderson, choir director, arranged the special musical program. A number of short tributes were paid Dr. Richard by ministers and lay people. His ministry has been marked with a high degree of efficiency, his pastoral and preaching skills being greatly enhanced by his warm personal sympathy and tact.

Dr. Richard was born near Holton, Kansas, in the year 1882, one of a set of boy twins. He gradated from Campbell College at Holton in 1905. The following year he served a pastorate at nearby Effingham. In 1910 he graduated with a B.D. degree from Drake. The next few years found him teaching at Camden Point, Mo., and Drake University. Three years of graduate study at Chicago University were interrupted with a serious health break. He then served pastorates in the Disciples of Christ fellowship

at Nickerson and at Holton, his home church where he had been ordained on November 15, 1902.

Many remember best the leadership of Dr. Richard in inter-denominational work, for he served as Executive Secretary of the Kansas Council of Churches 14 years. In recognition of his valued contribution to this field, Drake University conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1931.

Dr. Richard became the minister of The Partridge Church in 1934. In 1939 the Church released him part time to serve as chaplain at the Reformatory at Hutchinson. We rejoice in the fact that he has had the health and stamina to serve so well in this dual capacity for so many years. In 1953 he plans to retire from the chaplaincy and give full time to the Partridge Church.

In paying tribute to Dr. Richard, we desire to express the hope that this ministry may continue for many more years and that his good wife and co-worker through the years, may enoy with him a life less strenuous as they face the sunset years.

Brewsters To South Dakota

Our Kansas Congregational family will regret to learn that the Rev. and Mrs. Charles T. Brewster and family will leave Kansas February first to take up leadership in the First Congregational Church at Yankton, South Dokota. The Brewster's will have served the Manhattan Church for almost twelve years.

During that time they have served in many capacities in the larger fellowship. Mr. Brewster has been chairman of the Social Action Committee, Junior Hi Camp Director and at present is a member of the Conference Board of Trustees and Moderator of

Rev. Charles T. Brewster

the State Conference. He is also a member of the National C.S.A. Committee. Mrs. Brewster has been a member of the Women's Department Board

Their children, Deborah and John, have held places of leadership in Pilgrim Fellowship affairs.

At no time in our years of conference work have we had a parsonage family more genuinely cooperative in every good cause. Their Christian example has radiated beyond the local church and beyond the fellowship into the many avenues of service they have rendered. They will indeed be missed in our Kansas Fellowship.

In Yankton they will serve a larger church and Sunday School and will have close relationships to Yankton College and Yankton Theological Seminary which is fast becoming an important center in the training of misters for rural churches.

Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Benson and Siegfried

Bensons To Anthony

All Kansas Congregationalists will rejoice to know that the Rev. Vernon Benson has recovered sufficiently from his serious illness to again take a pastorate. After supplying at our Anthony Church October 20 and November 2, the church voted a retroactive call beginning November 1.

During November while the parsonage was being redecorated, they drove to Anthony each Sunday.

The McPherson church joined in a farewell party to the Benson's, presenting him with a leather bound copy of the RVS Bible and Mrs. Benson with a cash gift.

Mr. Benson writes: "We are indeed grateful to this church for giving us this opportunity to work ourselves back into the work of the ministry. As far as I can judge, the preaching and the conduct of the worship went off with as great ease as it ever did for me. After driving the 111 miles to Anthony, I felt no ill effect. In fact, I feel reasonably strong to endure greater responsibilities. The paralysis of my tongue no longer impairs my speech to any significant degree and my hearing has returned so that I have not had to use a hearing aid for three weeks. My greatest need has been for a church that would share with me a new adventure."

We bid the Anthony Church and the Benson's Godspeed as they share this new spiritual adventure together. We are confident that the physical and spiritual disciplines of the past year will bear fruitage in an even richer spiritual ministry.

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Paul Nicely to Illinois

The Rev. Paul Nicely, for the past eighteen months the Director of Religious Education at Central Church Topeka, left December first to become pastor of the Lindenwood Community Church west of Chicago. Mr. Nicely plans to take graduate education courses at Chicago Theological Seminary in preparation for a position in the religious teaching field.

In addition to his work at Central, Mr. Nicely has been chairman of the Conference Christian Education Committee and gave leadership at Wa-Shun-Ga last summer. He was ordained to the Christian Ministry at Central Church last May.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

"When Missions Mean People"

A little boy went to Sunday School one Sunday and later returned home telling his mother this: "A real, live missionary was in our Sunday School and she came right down where we were. She was a person and I touched her." An experience the boy will always remember.

We must always remember not only missionaries but missions — for they too, mean people.

Our Friendly Service projects help to make O.C.W.M. come alive, keeping our thoughts turned to far away people in whom we should be interested. Our work can and should be made personal, important and urgent to our people by making missions mean people — to every woman.

Packages of Love

You will have your Christmas boxes on the way by this time. Did you remember to wrap each gift so that it really looked like something special? Did you add a note on each package saying whether the gift was for a young or older boy or girl? If you haven't sent your gifts yet, let us remind you to send the very best gifts you can. May this be a "nicest" Christmas for the children far away.

When sending packages, remember to put the name and address on both the inside and outside of the package; also notify the recipient in advance. A card will reach the destination somewhat ahead of the package. This makes planning easier for the home, school or hospital to which the gifts are going. You will be sure to get a "thank you" and the interchange of letters makes for fellowship and goodwill.

Year Round Needs

Hospital supplies to make or buy.

Good clothing — with accent on the Good for Thrift Shops.

Good clothing for homes — for grown ups and children. Be sure to include clothing in larger sizes — size 40 or over. These are often not included.

Good reading material for boys and girls. The books may be for a permanent library or for a library on wheels which takes the books into localities where it is sometimes the first reading material available.

If sewing projects do not interest your group, would you like to send money so that some child could go to camp, where for two weeks he can have the food he so badly needs; two wonderful weeks at camp where he can gain interest in a better way of life?

Christian Citizenship Scholarships—ever think of sending money for one of them? Fifty dollars on a scholarship at Delmo will keep a child in school for a year.

We accept our quotas, fill them—and are glad that we can. But it is the plus — the second-mile things we do which bring the warmest glow to our hearts.

Dedicate your gifts! This makes for remembrance and thankfulness; thus deepening our Spiritual Life. Many enriching experiences may be ours when "missions mean people."

Reminders

1. Send no Friendly Service packages to the Missions Council office unless especially requested.
2. Friendly Service Gifts are a "plus" contribution.

Fort Berthold Indian Mission

From Elbowoods, S.D., came these suggestions: Right now we are not urging clothing because we must be evacuated from these bottom lands by July 1953 and do not want to move more than is necessary. We do desire household supplies and some large sized clothing.

Suggestions: Kitchen utensils, curtains, bureau scarfs, pot holders, bedding, table covers, bedspreads, dish cloths, woolen mittens, scarfs and socks, towels of all kinds. Cash gifts at this time are especially welcome for moving, worship centers, Sunday School chairs and tables, church kitchen cabinets, stoves, etc.

Scraps of Material Needed

"Our Indian women need scraps of material left over from your sewing projects or which may be resting in your piece bags. These pieces are made into quilts which the women sell among themselves; the money raised in this way is put into a missionary fund from which they pay their ministers."

Send your pieces to Mrs. Frank Workentine, Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

Request from India

From Mrs. Joseph L. Moulton, American Marathi Mission, Ahmednagar, India: "Each year the Marathi Mission has a Sale, the proceeds from which partially support the school for missionary children in Kodaikanal. We need all sorts of Ten Cen Store Articles — games, toys, coloring books, household articles, etc. Send to Mr. Harvey L. Meeken, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass., designated for Mrs. Moulton for the "Kodai Sale" just as soon as possible so he can get them to her in time.

Foreign Service Projects

The three projects selected for Kansas are two from South Africa and one from India.

Mrs. Arthur F. Christofersen,
Adams Mission Station,
Natal, South Africa.
Mrs. Samuel T. Kaetzel,
Am. Board Mission,
Maphmulo, Natal, So. Africa.
Miss Aline E. Nicholson — or
Miss Miriam Brown,
Lucy Perry Nobel Institute,
Pudur P. O.,
Madurai, South India.

If you are interested in these projects, please write to me for further instructions. Needs are listed and will be sent you with mailing instructions. Let us recall the little poem by Whittier,

"Joy"

"For somehow, not only at Christmas
But all the long year through
The joy that you give to others is
The joy that comes back to you."

—Gladys Ives (Mrs. W. R.)
Friendly Service Chairman,
Mt. Hope, Kansas.

Bazaars and Festivals

They seem to be increasing in numbers and size each year and it is impossible to report them all. Perhaps the most stupendous one was staged by Lawrence Plymouth on Nov. 12 with proceeds netting around $3000.00. At the turkey dinner at K.C. Welborn, Nov. 20, reservations had to be limited to 450 people. Colonial Ladies at Prairie Village opened theirs with a Fashion Show. Others reported include Athol, Wichita Fairmount, Topeka Central and Topeka Seabrook. The clever ideas, handiwork and skills displayed at these festive affairs would fill a book!

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norcross Jones, President **Doris Ann Bonnell, Secretary**

The Rev. Henry Rust and Miss Pauline Bloomer at Lenora P. F. Institute

A Letter from "Rusty"

Dear Kansas Friends:

One thousand two hundred and forty miles, eleven clinics on youth work, and the meeting of hundreds of Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship members, leaves its mark upon one. I am impressed with the breadth of our fellowship and the significant job of Christian Education being undertaken in this town and that. "Moving among our churches" is an impressive privilege. Your welcome and endeavor in our program for youth was superb. It is good to greet you all again in these columns.

As I write I cannot help thinking about the wider aspects of our Christian fellowship. As you read these words the Third World Conference of Christian Youth will be in progress in Travancore, South India. It is a world conference, but it is held in an Asian setting — the first of its kind. It is a small conference but should symbolize for us all the great demands laid upon Christian young people today to be concerned about the age in which they live and "Christ the Answer" (the conference theme.)

Although this conference is small and is on the other side of the world, it should remind us of our larger family relationships. This Christmas Season, what better way to express our genuine feeling than by remembering the delegates from all over the world assembled in Travancore? Can we not join in thought and prayer and share the concerns of our friends who meet in our name? We ought to remember the tremendous sacrifice that non-Americans make for such gatherings. We ought to remember the burdens of political oppression, war and near-war explosiveness, economic austerity, and racial persecutions, which are the lot of most of the delegates who will be there. In this kind of confusion these youth representatives of the world meet and, in faithfulness to their Christ, struggle with their Bible study to find in it the revelation of God's truth and his answer through Christ our Lord to man's needs. We all stand in need of prayerful study and learning of God's truth for our day.

The Young People's Department greets you all this Christmas Season with the words of praise (which we often take as admonition) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

—Henry R. Rust, Secretary Young People's Work, Boston, Mass.

News from Southern

Emporia P.F. observed Workday for Christ November 22 with a rummage sale downtown. The new sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mankin, were introduced at a supper at the parsonage.

Haven young people were hosts November 2 to the PF group from Sedgwick, Norky Jones, Doris Bonnell, Kathy Wilson, Mike Walker, and Uncle Louis Poppe of Whitewater. The state officers presented the worship service and a program on PF organization. Lunch was served to forty-one young people and sponsors.

Hutchinson P.F. invited the Partridge and Haven groups to a party November 30. Hutchinson raised $30 working as a group Workday for Christ doing such jobs as washing windows, raking leaves, burning off lots, and trimming rose bushes.

Kiowa P.F. had a skating party November 21. They are making plans to have a Workday for Christ shoveling snow.

McPherson Senior P.F. had a special Thanksgiving program on "Thanksgiving the World Over" presented by the Rev. Alfred Bartter (Uncle Al) and George Lehmberg, Jr. The group washed cars and storm windows on Workday for Christ netting $33.50. The Junior PFers had a food sale making over $20.

Mount Hope P.F. made $20 on Workday for Christ having a "Clean Up Day." Since many members of that group were unable to work on the regular day, they plan to have a second Workday on November 29. All of the members are going to participate in a Christmas pantomine.

Partridge has chosen its yearly project—making the Primary Department "more cheerful". Some of the past meetings have featured a First Aid demonstration and metal and leather crafts work. On Workday for Christ they did odd jobs, winding up the day with a Halloween square dance.

Whitewater washed nine cars for Workday for Christ, earning $10.25. Coming up on the agenda is a Sunday night of fun and get-together with the parents.

Wichita Plymouth P.F. stresses variety in its over-all program. Included in the group's many activities are recreation consisting of ping-pong, shuffle board, and organized games; programs include movies, discussions, talks and song fests; and refreshments, of course. Also, the Wichita group visits other groups to see how they do things, and in turn, entertains other groups.

Reported by Barbara Bell,
Here's a Tip, News Reporters

Barbara Bell's success in collecting news seems to be due to the double post card system. She tried it last month and it really worked as you can see by her lengthy column.

"Visiting Pilgrims"

Uncle Harald Wisegarver, Eastern P.F. Sponsor, and his Pilgrim Team are accepting invitations to visit your P.F. group. Excellent reports have been received from groups visited. The team recently visiting Topeka Seaman included Aunt Coleen Merriam, Topeka First, formerly from Hutchinson; Nancy Mack, Eastern President, Topeka Central; Nancy Kay, Topeka First; Melba Jo Adams and Larry Meinhardt, Maple Hill.

Haven

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Barrett are the sponsors for the P.F. group, who are busy working on a three-act religious play which is directed by Mrs. Arnold Koch.

Lenora Pilgrims stuffing toys for hospital

This is How Lenora Does It

Lenora certainly is on the map as far as Pilgrim Fellowship is concerned. First of all, they have planning meetings so they have their program all set up for about three months ahead. The programs are planned so there is a good deal of variety. They are using Everyday Christians as basic program material as well as other resources. They find Tuesday a better time to meet than on Sunday. Dave Cutting, the news reporter for their P.F. group is also an enthusiastic photographer. He reports that they have been busy this fall building ping-pong tables and painting shuffleboard courts in Pilgrim Hall of their church. The group has also earned extra money to send powdered milk to war orphans in addition to $44.22 sent in for Work Day for Christ, earned through all kinds of odd jobs. Service projects find a prominent place in Lenora's P.F. program. See picture above of "Stuffing Party." Animal patterns were given out to members to cut out a cloth figure and sew together for stuffing. The night of the party itself everyone joined together to fill them with pulverized rubber foam. Some of the group made scrapbooks. They were sent to a hospital for Christmas. Mrs. C. E. Georgeson is sponsor for the Senior P.F. and Mrs. Gridley for the Junior Highs.

Youth Week Material Now Ready

Strive to know—Dare to Believe is the theme for Youth Week, January 25 to February 1. Complete Youth Week packet, 35 cents may be ordered from Department of Publications, National Council of Churches, 79 East Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill. Order soon.

Other Workday For Christ Receipts

Reports are still coming in from various areas. If you have not yet reported let us know so the total amount may be reported nationally January 1. Receipts total $575.64 to date.

Sedgwick—Selling laundry bags, shoe shiners, etc., $11.55

Manhattan—Washing cars and windows, raking leaves, baby sitting, $12.60

Udall—(did not get report on what was done) $22.76

Athol—group of five girls gave earnings for the day from regular jobs, $17.35

Others report the following amounts:

Great Bend—$57.55

Maize—$5.19

Newton— $17.25

Osborne—$22.55

Wichita Plymouth—$23.00

Commendations are surely in order for the wonderful response made this year for Workday for Christ and to Dave Cutting, State Chairman, and those who helped in writing letters early this fall. This is the best way the local P.F. can serve through its own community, the nation and the world.

"Faith in Action"

This is the title of Youth Fellowship Program No. 2 which follows Everyday Christians. It is written by Theodore Schoonmaker and is for use in the Lenten and spring season. Order early.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

A candle is a lovely thing
To light for him tonight,
A brave white candle straight and tall
To make the darkness bright.
A candle burning in the night,
A symbol of the one
Who shed a glow of radiant light
Until his work was done.

A Christmas Family Festival

Are you planning Christmas activities in your church school that make the Christmas season the celebration of the birthday of Jesus? Are you placing the emphasis on giving, rather than receiving?

A Church School Family Festival is a delightful idea for the entire family where religious ideas may be shared and dramatized so interestingly that they will be caried home and used.

Planning Committee

The church school teachers together with ingenious mothers may form a planning committee. The children may take home invitations, but a note or phone call from the committee should follow it.

Interest Centers

Different rooms or corners of the church may be set up as "work centers." Some of these might be: one for making new and simple Christmas tree decorations; designing and making window sillhouettes; planning a worship for Christmas Day. Others might learn new carols, find out about Christmas customs of other lands, or make simple favors for the refreshments. Cookies might be made by still another group.

As the Crowd Arrives

They might "limber up" by singing a few carols. Numbers may be given out so each one will find his corner without delay. Of course, in each work center there will be both children and adluts working together.

After the work period, all should assemble together so that each group may share their accomplishments with everyone. There will be carol singing and demonstrations of things made closing with a model worship planned by the family worship group.

Serve Refreshments

Now the cookie-bakers and favor-makers are ready to serve the refreshments. The Family Book, ROADS TO CHRISTMAS, will help you greatly in planning.

The purpose of these suggestions is to deepen the children's understanding of the true Christmas meaning and to arouse an awareness of spiritual values found in the Christmas story—thus helping them to see that loving and giving are an essential part of a good life.

—Mrs. T. A. Howell, Member of
State Christian Education
Committee, Wichita

Gift to I.C.U.

Congratulations are again in order for K.C. Welborn Church School for service projects. Seventy-five dollars has been sent to International Christian University, Japan, by the Senior Class. The Primary and Junior Departments made up twenty-four school packs for distribution overseas and thread was sent to Korea.

P.S. for Udall and Haven

Starting January 1, 1953 these churches will start using Pilgrim Series throughout the church school. The total program and helps the Series offer is finding enthusiastic response in many of our churches.

Russell Family Night

Parents and children of the church school enjoyed a Family Night at the church November 30. Sack lunches were brought by each family. Coffee and hot chocolate were served at the Church. There was a Bible exhibit containing rare editions and classroom displays of the current quarter's work. They enjoyed quizzes from the Bible Quiz Family Book. The movie "More For Peace" concluded an evening packed with fun and fellowship with a bit learning sandwiched in between.

First Family Night - Great Bend

Our first Family Night proved to be a most successful occasion. Nearly one hundred percent of the parents of Primary Department children came in response to unique invitations they received from the church. The play, "The Fair Family Worships" was the highlight of the evening. Parents did exceptionally well with their Bible game, "Who Am I" and families rang up high scores on "A Quiz About Jesus." The children sang songs and presented a rebus story, "The Tent People." Suggestions were given on how to use the Family Book, and a copy was given to each family. There was a splendid response to a request made for warm clothing for the Fort Berthold Indians. Tables were decorated with miniature church windows bedecked with colored Old Testament drawings, which had been made by the Primary children.

—Mrs. C. E. Denman,
Great Bend

Director for K.C. Welborn

The Church Council has announced that Mrs. Perc Rayl will be part time Religious Educational Director for the church school and youth work.

Adult Work at Great Bend

A course in Philosophy is being offered to adults. After studying the Pilgrim Series' course "God In Our World" many persons expressed a great interest in exploring deeper into the field. Mr. Herbert Diets, attorney and a life long student of philosophy is giving the course. The Rev. Henry Eden Wright is teaching the course "Knowing and Using the Bible."

"Tomorrow"

See November issue of this newsletter for pre-Christmas activities and resources available from Conference Office for the Winter Quarter.

Gift for Micronesia

Miss Alice E. Cary of Boston has left for Micronesia where she will present a special gift at the observance in Kuasie when the 100th Anniversary of the founding of these churches will be commemorated. This gift is a silver baptismal bowl lined with gold and is suitably inscribed. Hundreds of congratulatory letters have been received from our churches by the Micronesians during this anniversary year.

Milford Shows Progress

On Wednesday evening, November 8th, the superintendent visited the Milford Community Church, bringing a message at the monthly church night meeting. "It was my first visit since the Crippen's went to Milford in 1946. That in itself, is a tribute to the peaceful, progressive manner in which they carry on their work. It was a study in contrasts. Six years ago we had to plead the cause of the Every Member Canvass. On this visit I found that a thorough Every Member Canvass had been made and the expanded budget had been pledged. The dinner table flourished with good things to eat as it had before, but the spirit of good fellowship and high morale of the church was more apparent. Where few young people greeted me before, a whole row of young people were present as participating church workers. The Fellowship Hall has been recently redecorated in a pastel green. A Men's Fellowship reported 25 in attendance at its inaugural meeting. The Crippen Home, is the high culture center of the community, a counselling center, and a haven where people love to come to visit, to discuss problems and share the music from the new Hammond organ. One can not estimate what such a parsonage and church home means to a one-church community that has, thru much of its history depended on pastoral supplies and no resident ministry. Hats off to Milford and the Crippen's for the quality of churchmanship expressed and enjoyed by all."

Topeka Seaman Open House

Many friends and benefactors who made possible the complete recovery from The Great Flood, enjoyed Seaman Church Open House, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7.

Dover Church Sale

Rev. A. A. Van Sickle, minister of Dover Federated Church reports income of more than $1500.00 at a Community Church Sale held on Saturday, November first. A registered Hereford bull, seven head of other cattle, five hogs, chickens, produce, vegetables, fruit and feed were donated by people of the parish.

Nellis at Southwestern

The Rev. Robert Nellis who is supplying our church at Udall, is taking a fulltime college course at Southwestern College this year. He is now licensed by our fellowship and is looking toward completion of his studies and the full-time Christian ministry.

Turner Visits Colleges

The Rev. Dale Turner has been appointed by the General Council to visit denominational colleges throughout the country and bring an interpretation of Congregationalism to the students. November 17-20 he spent at Talladega College, our negro school in Birmingham, Alabama. He writes: "If you could all see the devoted work of teachers, the great interest and scholarly achievements of the students, I know you would experience the great joy I did in knowing that we help in some measure to make this school possible."

Tribes Organized

Under the leadership of Mr. Guy T. Gebhardt, the twelve tribes of the House of Fairmount have been organized in a program of friendship and education. The tribal leaders, including 60 couples, had a tribal tea on Nov. 23. On Sunday afternoon, November 30, a tribal visitation took place when each tribe called on twenty families, giving friendly information about the church and its program. On Sunday, December 7 at the Morning Service,

each family brought their gift — a pledge for the church work in 1953.

Sunday Night Services

The Rev. Glen Argo of Centralia reports: "Lights go on again in Centralia Churches." In cooperation with the Methodists, Sunday Night services are being held with meetings in the Congregational church two Sundays, followed by two Sundays in the Methodist Church, The Rev. S. J. Williams was Guest Speaker at Centralia, November 13 at the second annual $10.00 banquet for the men of the church. Proceeds were used to reduce the Church Building indebtedness.

"Christmas in China"

In China, presents have never become a central part of the celebration of Christmas. Friends sent each other Christmas cards, and there were special services of worship at the church, and above all there was music. No one who has ever spent a Christmas at one of our Congregational-Christian mission stations will ever forget the carolling. Younger children would start out almost as soon as it was dark on Christmas Eve, singing outside the homes of their teachers and friends. Throughout the night, other groups of older students would wander about singing old carols we love — "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night, " "Joy to the World," "Old King Wencelas" —all our favorites have through the years become their favorites. And we may be sure that wherever they can, Chinese Christians will be singing Christmas hymns this year, and if they dare not, they will still keep Christmas by singing them silently in their hearts.

—Alice Huggins

Maple Hill

Work Day for Christ by the young people at Maple Hill, spread to the adults of the church who planned a "Harvest Bee" on Sunday, November 16. Men, women and children reported to the church in work clothes. Follow a worship service, all went to the Raymond Adam's corn fields where 130 bushels of corn left behind by the corn-picking machines were gathered into wagons. Proceeds from sale of the corn were turned to the church budget. The Rev. Harald Wisegarver is minister.

Church Calf Project

Under the leadership of Don Joseph a layman in the Whitewater Church, 25 calves have been purchased (cost underwritten by individuals) and given out to farmers who will winter and summer calves. At a church festival in the fall of 1953 the calves will be sold, the purchase price repaid and the profit turned to the church. The project was launched following a mission supper on October 15 when the Rev. Maltolm White was Guest Speaker.

A Missionary Story

Miss Alice Huggins reports that she has given 89 talks in the six months since she returned from China. Of these, 43 have been for Congregatioial-Christian groups in Kansas and Missouri, including all three of our Association meetings, and six churches in St. Louis.

The Pilgrim Press now carries both of her books: "The Red Chair Waits" ($2.75) and "Fragrant Jade" ($1.35)

"Teens . . How to Meet Your Problems"

This book is in the Conference Library and deals with many concerns of teenage young people. Practical sugestions are given for working out problems.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

Women's News Continued

Council Grove

World Community Day held this year at our Congregational Church featured a talk by Miss Alice Huggins. A large supply of children's clothing was given for Korea. Mrs. W. W. Colby, new president of the Women's Fellowship reports a busy fall with 7 dinners served during October and November.

K.C. Welborn Night Circle

A new circle which meets at night, organized at K.C. Welborn, has in its one year growth, doubled its membership and proved its need. Begun a year ago with twelve active members, the group headed by Mrs. Erna Haggart, now has 24, with others waiting to be included. The name, "Cereus" suggested by Mrs. Haggart was for the night-blooming flower. The pledge of $100 has been doubled, definite programs have been held at the monthly meetings, the members had a doll-clothes booth at the annual bazaar and took their place in sharing in the work.

Remembering Service Men

Great Bend Women's Fellowship sent 18 boxes of cookies and copies of Daily Devotions to service men of the church.

Haven Mayflower Circle

The women served a luncheon to the Reno County Council of Women's Clubs. The church was also headquarters for the Red Cross Blood Unit. As a community service the church women served lunch to donors. New apartment stoves have been purchased for the church kitchen.

College Scholarships

The Osborne Women's Association is subsidizing all young people who go from United Church to a church college. The scholarships of $100.00 each are awarded students their first year. The following boys enrolled at Doane College this year are beneficiaries: Charles Ogden, Richard Runzel and Eugene Watson. This policy encouraging attendance at our church school is one to be highly commended.

Ellis Improvements

A Thanksgiving Service at Ellis on November 23 included giving thanks for a completely remodeled kitchen. Following the worship service, and a basket dinner, the new kitchen was dedicated. The Rev. Fred Smith is promoting regular church attendance during Advent. Mrs. S. M. Garrigues of Great Bend was speaker at their Thank Offering Service.